

This would seem to be a pretty good title but after we had convinced the Post Office Department that we had enough votes to warrant a postoffice at Keetley, they were not satisfied with land titles because they went back no further than the coming of the Mormons in 1847.

We therefore had Gunga Din, who is the only one around here claiming to know much about law, write to the Dept. as follows:

Please be advised that the government of the United States acquired the territory of Utah including the tract to which your inquiry applied, by purchase from the Republic of Mexico in the sacred Mexican tradition of Guadalupe Hidalgo in February, 1848.

The Republic of Mexico got its title from Porfiro Diaz who won it in a poker game from the followers of Cortez.

Cortez got his authority to line 'em up against the wall, from the government of Spain.

The government of Spain acquired title by the discovery of Christopher Columbus, explorer and resident of Genoa, Italy, who had an agreement about the acquisition of title to any land he discovered under the sponsorship and patronage of Her Majesty, the Queen of Spain.

The Queen of Spain had received sanction of her title by consent of the Pope, a resident of Rome, Italy, and presumably a Vice President of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ was the Son and heir apparent of God.
God made Utah.

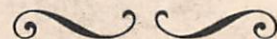
We trust this meets with your request.

P. S. But you ought to have seen this layout when God owned it alone.

AT THIS POINT it is of more than passing interest to note that a great set of road builders were at that moment blazing the trail which brought you here tonight. I refer to the Mormon Pioneers, one of whom was my Dad who walked with the others the entire distance from Missouri to Salt Lake City. The organization had had a rough deal back there in Missouri and Illinois where their leaders, Joseph and Hyrum Smith, were brutally murdered by a mob.

Strapping on the armour of his dead leader which amounted to little more than an abiding faith in God, in himself, and in the cause he espoused, Brigham Young undertook the migration of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the West.

Arriving here on July 24th, 1847, they were upon soil that was not yet part of the United States. Although the war was over and had been won by us, the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was not signed until the following February of 1848.



KEETLEY HISTORY. Named after a man whose name was John H. Keetley and who was the engineer in charge of the work of driving a five mile mine tunnel through that mountain range. Those lights up there on the mountain side a mile away mark the portal to that tunnel.

KEETLEY is 6587 feet above sea level and is 750 miles from the nearest ocean port which is, San Francisco. The nearest politician is miles and miles away. Neither do we have any mosquitoes or rattle snakes.

Lawns are the only things which get a rake off here.